GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3287
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CLOSURE OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZER UNITS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to S.Q. No.589 on 7.5.2002 and state :

(a) the recommendations of the Group of Ministers regarding closure of Chemical Fertilizer units;

(b) the competent authority of the Government to whom the recommendations of the Group of Ministers are to be submitted;

(c) the time by which these recommendations are likely to be submitted and the reasons for delay in this regard; and

(d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to remove the cases of loss alongwith the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d) : The policy of the Government with regard to revival of sick fertilizer units is to restructure and revive potentially viable Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) and close down those(PSUs) which cannot be revived, while fully protecting the interests of workers. In keeping with this policy, the Cabinet, the competent authority, after considering the interim recommendations of the Group of Ministers (GOM), on18.7.2002, has decided to close/hive off Haldia Fertilizer Project, FP&ARD and other support establishments, such as marketing/purchase/liaison divisions, etc. of HFC; Close/hiveoff Ramagundam, Talcher, Gorakhpur units, Korba Division and other support establishments such as Marketing/Purchase Divisions, etc. of FCI; separation of Jodhpur Mining Organisation from FCI into a separate independent entity; Close/hive off Dehradun and Saladipura units of PPCL including the closure of iron pyrites mines at Saladipura.